

THE CHINA MAIL.

NO. 2017.—DECEMBER 19, 1891.

Entertainments.

St. ANDREW'S HALL,

CITY HALL.

TO-NIGHT,
DECEMBER 19th.

Under the distinguished Patronage of
H. E. the Governor,
Sir Wm. ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

GRAND CONCERT
given by
THE CELEBRATED GERMAN
PIANO-VIRTUOSO
Herr Albert Friedenthal.

Doors open at..... 8.30 p.m.
To commence at..... 9.00 p.m.
Dress Circle and Stalls..... \$2.00.
Pit..... \$1.00.
The Box Plan at Messrs. KEAY & WALSH,
LIMITED,
Hongkong, December 19, 1891. 2328

Intimations.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

REDUCTION IN PRICE!
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WATERBURY WATCHES
(Most Reliable and Accurate Timekeepers)

E SERIES
IS NOW OFFERED FOR
2 DOLLARS 50 CENTS each.

GENTLEMEN'S J SERIES @ \$4.75 EACH.
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Inspection is respectfully invited.
MITSUBUSSAN KAISHA,
8, Queen's Road, Central,
Hongkong, December 11, 1891. 2301

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
TO AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that ALL AERATED WATER BOTTLES and SYPHONS bearing the COMPANY'S NAME and TRADE MARK are its property solely, and that any Manufacturer using the same or any Person or Persons other than the Customer of the Firm found in possession of the same will be proceeded against as the law directs.

A. H. MANSELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1613

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP YANGTSE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex Steamship *Munche* and *Guadalquivir*, from Havre or Steamship *Guadalquivir*, and from Bordeaux or Steamships *Ville Diderot* and *Marie*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon To-day (Wednesday), the 18th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countermanded by the Underwriters.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday, the 24th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one crown per cwt. per day.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Tuesday, the 24th December, or they will not be recognized. All Damaged Packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 24th December, at 3 p.m.

No Fira Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 16, 1891. 2326

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Kutang*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

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Bills of Lading will be countermanded by JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., General Managers.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Liuchow Harbour:

ASON, Norwegian barque, Capt. A. Christensen—*King Wing Tai*.

G. H. WAIFACUS, British barque, Captain P. Hanson—Chinese.

MATA TERESA, American s.s. Capt. R. Deppert—*David Sisson, Sons & Co.*

SUMAWAN, British barque, Captain James Gaskell—*Simeon & Co.*

Stamps must be sent to our office with address, marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARILLI & CO., Commercial Agents.

E. HOLLOWAY, General Agent.

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Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS;

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

THURSDAY, Dec. 31.

SATURDAY, Jan. 23/92.

Oceanic v. Honolulu, Feb. 16/92.

The Steamship *Gaelic* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 31st December, 1891, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

From HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O.

To Liverpool and London..... \$325.00

To Paris and Bremen..... \$345.00

To Hamburg..... \$335.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials.

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We are requested to state that on account of unavoidable circumstances Herr Friedenthal's concert to-night will be held in St. Andrew's Hall instead of the Theatre.

THERE is apparently some hope of saving the steamer *Teng-chow*, as Lloyd's agents are sending up an expert to have a look at the vessel.

The Superintendent of the F. & O. S. N. Company informs us that the Company's steamer left Nagasaki for this port on 17th inst., at 5 p.m.

Messrs. Dodwell, Carrill, & Co. inform us that the H. M. S. Empress of China sailed from Vancouver on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17, for this port via Yokohama and Shanghai.

Mr. Fraser Smith's Church.—The Midland Steam Launch *Dwyer* will call about 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service. Returning about 12.30.

The local action, Minchinni v. Fraser Smith, which occupied five long days in the Supreme Court this week and flooded the columns of the local papers with undigested matter, has not yet been concluded. It will take another day at least.

ANNOYANCE has been called over and over again to the annoyance, and even danger, arising from the reckless way in which steam-launches run about the course at the annual Regatta. This year the nuisance has apparently been worse than ever, and indignation against it has proportionately increased. Surely something ought to be done to prevent launches from spelling races and smashing boats, as they have been doing. It is useless to appeal to the good sense of the people responsible for the manner in which the launches are run. Stringent measures will have to be taken to make such annoyances impossible if the Regatta is not to become an utter *fiasco* in future.

The finals in the Ladies' Purse and German Guy of the annual Regatta were rowed this afternoon, and also the eight-oared race, 'Club v. United Services.' In the Ladies' Purse Master's crew went away at the beginning and kept the lead over the greater part of the course. The two naval crews, de Robeck and Kalbuse's, then came up and passed. There was a good race between these two, but de Robeck's superior stroke told and won the race for his boat by about a length or so midships. In the German Cup Jackson's crew went away with a bad start by which they lost half a length. When the course was half rowed, however, they came up and took the lead and won easily, Kennedy's boat being three lengths behind. The eight-oared race was not an exciting one. The Club boat, stroked by Master, started badly, and although they rowed very pluckily the Services' boat (Henderson's stroke) won by about three lengths. The prizes were given away by Mr. Digby Barker afterwards, at the V.R.C. Gymnasium. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Mr. Digby Barker, while H. E. Major-General Barker acknowledged.

LISBONIANA, of *Truth*, discussing on the subject of, this and how to obtain them, says: "But why grand money? (on the purchase of a continental title). If I were convinced with a passion for a title, I should give myself one. I have my well-being of a good-natured disposition made a vast number of Counts. This is how it was done. I was an attaché at a foreign Court. In those days, the main business of an attaché was to draw and issue passports. An Englishman of my acquaintance confided to me that he wanted to be a Count. 'Nothing more simple,' I said 'bring me your old passport and I will exchange it for a new one, in which I will put your name.' This I did, and when it became known, I had so many applications that I gave away three books of passports, and I must then have made about one hundred and fifty Counts. Occasionally I met the son of one of my Counts; from the height of his nobility he looks down on me."

THE CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME AT THE THEATRE ROYAL. A PREVIEW ON THE SCENE.

The version of 'Beauty and the Beast' to be produced on Boxing night has been adapted by Captain Clayton for the Hongkong stage from the Christmas pantomime of the same name produced last year at Drury Lane, and the story is very fairly carried out from start to finish. The comedy, as usual, has been painted by our old friend, Mr. M. A. Baptist, from designs by Capt. and Mrs. Clayton, and right well does the veteran artiste look after his work. The transferred scenes are something marvellous, and there are several other attractive scenes in the pantomime, notably the 'Grand Hall' in the Beast's Palace.

The dances form not the least attractive feature of a show of this kind, and they reflect the highest credit on Mr. G. Cudwell, who has had the entire charge of this department, and has not only taught the air corps but has taught the dances himself. The 'Banana dance' safe for a double snort of tea! Of the ladies' dresses it is impossible to speak too highly. They are the prettiest that have been seen on the Hongkong stage. They were designed, we understand, by the wife of the worthy stage manager. The men's scenes introduced and arranged by Messrs. Cleverdon and Smith, all recommended by the well-known military tailor, Mr. A. Main.

The dresses of the principals were made by the Hongkong Trading Company and are all very well carried out, the one for the Bogie Man being especially handsome and effective.

Considerable improvements have been made in the lighting of the stage, and Messrs. Dawson and Skitchley, with men of the Royal Engineers, have devoted any amount of time to arranging the light effects so necessary in a piece of this kind.

The Electric Light Company have also rendered valuable assistance.

The Orchestra is in the year under the control of Mr. Orange, and it need not be said that it could not be bettered.

Mr. Von Wille is again first violin, and the brass and other instruments are safe in the hands of the Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Several of the most popular numbers of the Pantomime have been composed by Mr. Orange, notably a very pretty duet between *Beauty* and the Prince.

In the *Barley-mow* all the members are keen recruits with the exception of *Flower*, but they are a capital lot all round, and do their work amply and well. The Column, as before, is enveloped in mystery, but we are assured she will arrive in the Colony in time for the performance on the 26th inst.

Altogether, judging from the rehearsal, the Pantomime of 1891 bids fair to equal if not exceed that of 1889, and although it is not easy to replace such brilliant stars as Mrs. Fraser-Smith and Messrs. Hopkins, Grace and Lightwood, still the present company are up in their work, and we safely commend the show to the Hongkong public. No less than eighty people are occupied behind the curtain, half consisting of the company and the other half electricians, scene-shifters, &c., the whole body being under command of Capt. Clayton and his first assistant, Mr. E. W. Mitton.

* FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR

That you gave us a sniff of Christmas delicacies the other day which made one's mouth water, and descended about the beautiful things which were set out to catch the eye of the lucky buyer.

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That the sports on the water and the adventures in the Dowlas have divided public attention during the week, and the Judge, Jury and others (of the Court, not of the Regatta) would perhaps have been all the better off a good whiff of the sea air.

That the Regatta may be pronounced a decided success, upon which the management in general and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Sanders) is particularly congratulated.

That the sun smiled on the Ladies, and the Ladies smiled on the Regatta, and yet somehow it was free of a gale day than of yore.

That interests are now perhaps more concentrated, but one misses the appearance of general holiday-making that used to mark these annual gatherings.

That the absence of a Ball may tend to render the fair ones less sympathetic than of old, while gentlemen have now many amusements, unknown here in the old days, to turn them away.

That all the same the racing this year was quite up to the form of former years, and most of the finished close.

That for the first time in the history of the V. R. C. the Chairman of the Club took part in the races.

That the English crew secured a well-deserved win.

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BERLIN FOUNDLING-HOUSE.

We have received the annual report of the Berlin Foundling House for 1891, issued by Pastor Gottschalk, in the absence of Pastor Hartmann. The report of this thoroughly charitable institution speaks for itself; and we give the following extract:

It is possible that the work of this Foundling House would appear to some of our friends invested with more interest and possessing more value if we were to take up boys instead of girls and provide an education, producing useful artisans, traders, teachers and preachers for the benefit of the general public. But there are no male

foundlings in China; and consequently there is no need for a Foundling House for boys. On the other hand, numbers of infant girls are killed, drowned in cesspools or creeks, or exposed on the river side or in miasmas, where they are left, wrapped in perhaps a few rags or placed in baskets, a prey for stony dogs. It is often reported that the unchristianized in himself had nothing to do with it. And this abominable practice is confined to so extensively that every Christian soul would be revolted with indignation if people were to learn the number of infant girls thus destroyed every year in the Canton Province.

Statistics of an approximately reliable nature are, indeed, out of the question at present; even population statistics generally cannot be obtained in China, let alone

special statistics of this sort. But considering that within a period of eleven weeks eleven girls, deserted by their parents, were brought to one Missionary, all having been born within a radius of one square mile (Germans) in extent, and that the same number of other foundlings from the same locality have been reported that Missionary's observation, we shall not be far out in assuming that in the Canton Province alone many thousands of infant girls are destroyed every year.

Now what are we to say to the fact that out of this tremendous mass of misery at the utmost 15 children a year are removed to our Home and educated here? Is not this hardly a drop in the bucket? And yet a question

of little dropping students & stones and by unscrupulous labourers have even Chinese forces, and the police and their mothers, force them to do this and then sweep up the remains of the original practice of our children have, meanwhile become Christians. If inquiries were made, it would probably be found that the cruelty of the Chinese towards their own children, and the kindness extended to the latter by Christian people, troubled their consciences until they themselves embraced the Christian faith. Such cases are at present of rare occurrence; but there can be no doubt that a single family raised by the work of our Home can exert a blessed influence upon others like themselves, who may be influenced by the example of their own parents to destruction simply because they had the misfortune of being born girls. These children are now being educated so as to fit them into patterns for their surroundings. None of them have actually become such, and we can say of many that they testify to word

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